

*Like all my works, you will need to have read *The Dictator's Handbook* by Bruce Bueno de Mesquita and Alastair Smith, to understand the messages that follow. Also, a reminder that the definition of youth used here is people under the age of majority. In the US, that's people ages 0-17.

*You might also want to read *The 48 Laws of Power*, by Robert Greene; *Influence: The Psychology of Persuasion*, by Robert Cialdini; *Our Masters' Voices: The Language and Body-language of Politics*, by Max Atkinson; and *Power: Why Some People Have It and Others Don't*, by Jeffrey Pfeffer. These books will help you gain a deeper understanding of youth liberation and how parents oppress their kids. These books will also be instrumental in helping you come up with strategies to avoid getting hurt by your parents, band together against the school system, and organize and protest safely and effectively.

Specific Protest Methods for Specific Policies

For abolishing compulsory schooling, the best method of protest is the school strike. This is where students simply refuse to go to school. Schools require students to attend to receive funding from the state. If students don't go, schools run out of money and have to shut down. Long-term (more than one year) school strikes are very effective; gather a large number of students and simply decide not to go. If you want, go out into the streets and protest with signs, but it is more effective to simply scatter in groups of twos and threes. If you protest in a large group, truancy officers will simply arrest you because you are easy to find. Tracking down and apprehending each protestor individually costs more money than arresting some protestors in a big group to get the rest to go back to school. In the long term, the costs of tracking down hundreds or thousands of individual students every day for each school are too much for the state to maintain good PR, and that will lead to voter pressure to abolish compulsory schooling. When you scatter, go down to a coffee shop or a fast food place, or go eat somewhere quiet and deserted. You might simply walk the town and enjoy your free time since you'll have seven or eight hours to wait. Since you are going to be away from school for the whole school day, pack lunch and water, as well as an extra meal or two. If you can, bring extra snacks for other students to maintain the energy level of the protest. Of course, this "bleeding out" strike method, where you bleed the school dry of funds by refusing to attend, only works in states where attendance is linked to funding. In other states and countries, funding is linked to enrollment. In this case, the traditional mass take-to-the-streets protest and a mass refusal to go to school will be effective in bringing down schools in the long term (more than one year).

For the right to vote from birth, the best method of protesting is the traditional take-to-the-streets protest. It's best to group up to make sure that you're visible, and make large signs that are easily readable from a distance. If you can, try to find a t-shirt or merchandise sponsor for the event that is willing to foot the bill for t-shirts

with slogans. Otherwise, pooling money for t-shirts may be a good idea. If you are short on cash, pick a particular color for your protest and have everyone wear the same color. This way, you are easily identifiable, and protestors and watchers alike have a way to visually link the color to your aim of the right to vote from birth. Again, this protest movement will have to go on for more than one year; plan to switch up the cities and schools so that you protest at different times. This way, each school can have protests a couple times a month, but large-scale protests occur every day. If students are up to it, they should be welcomed to join protests more often than they are regularly scheduled.

For the right to eat at restaurants that have an age limit, sit-ins at restaurants are the most effective. This protest will hinder revenue until youth are allowed to order from the restaurant, while bringing the promise of higher revenue when the policies are changed to include patrons of all ages. Not only does it put pressure on restaurant owners to change their policies to remove age limits, but it is also a subtle reminder of the civil rights movement in the 1950s and 1960s. Organizers should train youth protestors in nonviolence to avoid getting into fights with restaurant bouncers or police who come to arrest them or escort them off restaurant premises. This method is designed to work in the short term but can also work in the long term. Restaurants will lose a lot of money in the short term, and many may go under if they refuse to heed the demands of protestors.

In the absence of a specific protest method, protesting in the street is the best method. Sometimes, the specific protest methods that people come up with may not be the best; protesting in the street is a tried and true method that is guaranteed to work. When in doubt, taking to the streets to protest is guaranteed to be effective. Protesting in the streets is designed to be a long-term strategy in which youth must protest for more than one year for change to occur. Sometimes, it may take seven to ten years of protesting, such as during the civil rights movement.

Parent Stalking Programs

One type of program that should be outlawed is what we call a “parent stalking program,” a program designed to tell a parent where a kid is, lock their phone, prevent them from accessing certain programs, or censor their internet. These programs give parents the power of the panopticon over their children, taking away their fundamental right to privacy. Of course, this behavior by parents is to be expected, and that is exactly why it should be stamped out. Parents are slavers, the property owners of children. To repeat, they own their kids as human property, and that absolute power makes them both extremely paranoid and extremely controlling. These programs will continue to grow in both scope and thoroughness until there is nowhere on the internet where a youth can go without their parents’ knowledge.

Massive fines should be charged to tech company CEOs and members of the board of directors who have apps that allow parents to surveil and control youths' digital lives. By charging hefty fines to CEOs, directors on company boards, and senior management, these leaders will quickly remove these apps from their app stores and programs from the web. This policy will turn the self-interest of corporate leaders into a force that drives parent stalking programs off the market.

App features that control content based on age and maturity level must also be banned so that kids may have access to the entirety of human knowledge. This ban must include app features that use proxies for age and maturity level, like "NSFW" and "Content Warning."

You Don't Have to be Anything When You Grow Up

One of the ways that parents control kids is through the use of the question, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" This seemingly innocent question is used to trap kids in tiny boxes where they have to be this or that person. If a kid says they want to be a doctor, suddenly they have to be this or that type of person in order to become a doctor. Parents use that to control the kid, holding their "future" over their head like a whip to beat them back within a narrow box. If a kid wants to be a marine, then they have to enroll in all sorts of extracurricular sports and do some manual labor provided by the parents, or the parents will say the kid is a failure and mistreat them. If the kid wants to be a lawyer, then they are constantly pressured to get good grades and do something that won't "bring shame to the family." These little career boxes, along with that seemingly innocent question, are used to destroy both independent thought and the desire for freedom and autonomy. The truth is that the question "What do you want to be when you grow up?" isn't asking you what you want. It's an information-gathering probe—a form of social warfare disguised as an innocent question. The question encourages kids to share personal details about themselves so that parents can use them against them. If a kid disobeys, the parent says, "How are you going to get through medical school if you can't even listen to your parent?" The parent says, "How are you going to be a marine when you can't even do a little manual labor?" The parent says, "How are you going to be a lawyer when you can't even get good grades? They'll never admit you to law school." The truth is that parents who ask this question don't care about their kids' wants; they just need a grain of truth to use as a weapon against them.

You don't have to be anything when you grow up. You can be nothing; you can be an average workaday schmuck who works forty hours a week and shares an apartment with four roommates. There are plenty of people like that who are happy. You don't have to choose to please your parents; you can wait it out and go with the flow. If becoming a doctor or a lawyer seems like a good career when you're in college, go for it. Wait until you have more information before making a decision.

Wait until you've done many things for yourself, until you've questioned authority, and until you have had years of practice being who you want to be (not as a worker, but as a person). You don't even have to choose a lifelong career; you can switch between careers if you get bored.

The most important things about us are not the boxes that other people make for us, no matter how highly recommended they are. What matters is not your job, but how you spend your time outside of it. What matters is that you do what you want, and what matters is that you have fun. The truth that we should do what we want with our lives is something that kids instinctively know; that truth is also brainwashed out of us through compulsory schooling and years of obedience. By the time a kid graduates high school, their original intention to do whatever they want has been forgotten. But kids don't have to forget; they don't have to answer the question; they don't have to succumb to the pressure to fit inside a box. Be wild, be obnoxious, be loud, be lazy, be hardworking, be impatient, be stupid, be polite, and be whoever you want to be at whatever time you want. You have a human right to bodily autonomy; your future is your own, and no one is entitled to know your plans or lack thereof.